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BOSTON FISH PIER LANDINGS FOR JUNE 1940

An average of \$3.09 per hundred pounds was paid for the 16.8 million pounds of fish landed during June at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Although these figures indicate an increase of 2.3 million pounds in volume over the previous month, the decrease in value amounts to 45 cents per hundred weight.

When compared with the total catch of 21 million pounds for the similar period of 1939, the figures for June 1940 show a decline of 20 percent. Average for June last year, however, was \$2.65 against \$3.09, an increase of 17 percent for this year. The average price of \$3.72 for the first six months of 1940 is \$1.07 higher than for the comparable period of 1939.

The June catch, which was the result of 657 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth \$518,925 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1939, 646 fares were landed with 4.2 million pounds more fish but valued at only \$38,102 more, or \$557,027.

In 330 trips, offshore vessels brought in 13 million pounds of the total, spread among 20 classifications, at an average price of \$3.29 per hundred

weight. Inshore craft, in 327 trips, landed about 3.7 million pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$2.37 for an average.

From offshore vessels, haddock (5.5 million pounds at \$3.54); mackerel (2.5 million pounds at \$1.96); and haddock scrod (2 million pounds at \$3.14), were most abundant species during June. Large cod (931,000 pounds at \$3.43); market cod (746,000 pounds at \$3.26); and lemon sole (313,000 pounds at \$4.32), followed in that order.

The month's highest average price was brought by swordfish, at \$55.00; halibut was second with \$13.21.

Inshore craft landed 1.8 million pounds of whiting (at \$1.54) in greatest quantity. Haddock (257,000 pounds at \$4.55); gray sole (246,000 pounds at \$3.98); haddock scrod (293,000 pounds at \$3.07); and rosefish (224,000 pounds at \$1.69), followed in that order.

Peak of vessel traffic into Boston occurred on Monday, June 24, when 49 vessels landed with 1.4 million pounds of fish.

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